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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE**

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Sir:

This is in response to the requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 31, 2006, which sets a one month period for response, ending June 30, 2006.

Applicants note that this response is being submitted prior to the initial due date for response, whereby an extension of time and an extension of time fee are not required for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any government fees are required for maintaining the pendency of this application, including any extension of time fee, Applicants hereby request any required extension of time and authorize that any required fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested in view of the remarks which follow.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.